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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 3 February 1959

FROM : Chief, Military Economics Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Activity Report for January 1959

1. Status of Branch Projects

25X1B4d a. 39.2380, [REDACTED] Used for the Allocation of Soviet Military Expenditures. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

The draft of this project has been completed and is undergoing Branch review.

b. 39.2381, Soviet Military Manpower 1947-1958. 25X1A9a [REDACTED]
25X1A9a [REDACTED]

The work on this project is progressing on schedule.

c. 39.2382, Soviet Military Personnel Pay. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

The draft of this project has been completed and is being reviewed in the Branch.

d. 39.2383, Soviet Military Prices and Ruble-Dollar Ratios
25X1A9a [REDACTED]

The work on this project is progressing on schedule.

e. 39.2384, Soviet Military Expenditures, 1947-63. 25X1A9a [REDACTED]
25X1A9a [REDACTED]

The work on this project is progressing on schedule.

f. 39.2451, Information on Military Cost Study. 25X1A9a [REDACTED]

The draft of this project is complete and will be forwarded to ACSI, Department of the Army, early in February.

2. Status of Support Projects

a. 30.2201, Soviet Military Expenditures Through 1964.

No terms of reference have been formulated for this project, due to St/PR on 3 August 1959. Preliminary work is being initiated.

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- b. 40.2238, Sino-Soviet Bloc Foreign Economic Activities.
(January 1958 estimate)

Deadline is past due and no terms of reference have been received. No work is contemplated.

- c. 30.2455, Value of Military Materials Exported by the Sino-Soviet Bloc to Underdeveloped Countries, 1955-1958.

Work on this project has been initiated.

- d. 00.2416, Gaps in Information for Requirements.

A statement on Gaps in Information on East German Military Finance was submitted at the beginning of January. A comprehensive Statement on Gaps in Information on Soviet Military Economics is being prepared and will be submitted during February.

- e. 30.2044, Guided Missile Target Study.

A study is being prepared and will be submitted to I/GM during February.

3. Changes in Estimates

Nothing to Report.

4. Relationships with Other Components

a. [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] was consulted by Mr. Walsh of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) regarding certain aspects of Mr. Zverev's budget speech for 1959.

b. On 20 January, Messrs. Ebenfield, Godaire and Walter met with [REDACTED] to discuss various aspects of Soviet military expenditures and the costing of weapons systems.

c. [REDACTED] joined the Division Chief in a meeting with [REDACTED] to discuss the problems and opportunities involved in collecting and exchanging information relevant to the costs of Soviet weapons systems.

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5. Future Plans

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Members of the branch will meet with [REDACTED] some time in late February or mid March to discuss military cost problems.

6. Other Problems and Recommendations

Nothing to report.

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